

Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project

Strengthening RI's Medical Home Infrastructure

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The Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project (PPEP) supports pediatric primary and specialty practices in providing care to children with special health care needs and their families within a comprehensive coordinated family centered medical home.

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A Medical Home Update Across the Nation

As highlighted in the January 2007 issue of the National Conference of State Legislatures (see the full article at www.ncsl.org/programs/health/medhom.htm) Medical Homes have recently come into the spotlight as a way to provide comprehensive health care for children. Medical homes do not provide housing; rather it is a conceptual model for pediatric care that originates in a primary care setting. The American Academy of Pediatrics defines a medical home as family centered, coordinated, compassionate, comprehensive, culturally effective, accessible and continuous as a model of pediatric care. Pediatric health professionals and families partner to address all of the child's health and non-health related issues. This approach is targeted at the 9.4 million children in the U.S. diagnosed with special health care needs (CSHCN), or one out of five households. This population alone accounts for 80% of pediatric health care expenses.

Medical homes address the U.S Department of Health and Human Services' Healthy People 2010 goal to "increase the proportion of children with special health care needs who have access to a medical home." According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a medical home consists of the following elements:

- A partnership between the family and the child's/youth's primary health care professional
- Relationships based on mutual trust and respect
- Connections to supports and services to meet the non-medical and medical needs of the child/youth and their family
- Respect for a family's cultural and religious beliefs
- After hours and weekend access to medical consultation
- Families who feel supported in caring for their child
- Primary health care professionals coordinating care with a team of other care providers

Twelve states (California, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, Rhode Island, Texas, Washington and West Virginia) have enacted legislation to create or encourage the creation of medical homes for children. Some state medical home programs target children with special health care needs while others recognize the importance of a medical home for all children.

Partnership Update... Family Voices at RIPIN, Department of Health and Neighborhood Health Plan of RI hosted an annual partnership conference entitled **Improving Outcomes of Children with Special Health Care Needs and Their Families in March 2007.** Over 215 parents, professionals and policy makers attended.

Reminder...

3rd Annual PPEP Dinner, Thursday,
May 17th 6:00pm at Chelo's in Warwick.

Partner Highlights:

The **Department of Health's** Office of Special Health Care Needs is actively engaged in a strategic planning process concerning the health and wellness of people with disabilities. The five-year Strategic Plan to target four areas (health promotion, adolescent health transition, data / surveillance, emergency preparedness) is due out by July 2007.

The **Department of Human Services** has recently certified a new Early Intervention, Looking Upwards, Inc. They are located in Middletown, RI and will soon be accepting new referrals.

Rhode Island Parent Information Network has a new call-in radio show called Families 411. It airs Saturdays from 4:00pm-5:00pm on 920AM WHJJ. Log onto www.ripin.org to view the scheduled topics and also to listen to past shows.

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI and Beacon Health Strategies provided an orientation to RItCare and NHPRI / Beacon care management services to RIPIN parent consultants in February 2007. In the last few months, NHPRI has partnered with HEALTH and RIPIN to present the PPEP at the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Conference in Washington DC and the Partnership Conference in Warwick.

Family Voices at the RI Parent Information Network invites all interested parents and professionals to participate in the Family Voices 15th Anniversary Gala Celebration and National Conference May 23-26 in Washington DC. The conference will focus on current critical issues including Medicaid policy, information technology, family-centered care, wellness transition, and cultural competence. For more information visit: www.familyvoices.org

The Paul V. **Sherlock Center** produces The LINK -- a quarterly newsletter that brings professionals information on local and national learning opportunities surrounding CSHCN, new local program initiatives, resources for families, all with a focus on Early Childhood. To receive The LINK electronically you can email Ester Brito at ebrit@ric.edu and subscribe.

Pediatric Practice Enhancement Project Participating Practices

Aquidneck Medical Associates

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Parent Consultant: Diana Smyth; Established: June 2004.

Children's Hospital Rehabilitation Department

765 Allens Avenue, Providence, RI 02905; Phone: 432-6800

Parent Consultant: Michelle DeSchenes; Established: January 2007.

Children's Neurodevelopment Center Hasbro Children's Hospital

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-5685

Parent Consultant: Alissa Bourque; Established: November 2001.

City of Newport Housing Authority; Healthy Residents, Healthy Homes Project

1 York Street, Newport, RI 02840; Phone: 848-6697

Parent Consultant: Lee Ann Freitas; Established: January 2007.

Coastal Waterman Pediatrics

900 Warren Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914; Phone: 421-6481

Parent Consultant: Erica Nogueira; Established: December 2006.

Community Asthma Program

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-3092

Parent Consultant: Lisa LeTang; Established: January 2004.

Department of Pediatrics at Memorial Hospital

Neurodevelopmental Center

555 Prospect Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860; Phone: 729-6200

Parent Consultant: Cheryl Deroche; Established: February 2007.

Dr. Cheryl Flynn

2 Wake Robin Road, Lincoln, RI 02865; Phone: 333-1656

Parent Consultant: Brenda Andino; Established: September 2004.

Family Service Inc.

55 Hope Street, Providence, RI 02906; Phone: 331-1350

Neonatal Follow-Up Clinic at Woman & Infants Hospital

134 Thurbers Avenue, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 274-1100

Parent Consultant: Amy Collins; Established: March 2007.

Neonatal Intensive Care Unit

101 Dudley Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 274-1100

Parent Consultant: Shavon Smith; Established: August 2004.

Northstar Pediatrics Hasbro Children's Hospital

593 Eddy Street; Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-4471

Parent Consultant: Diane Hernandez; Established: May 2004.

Northwest Health Center

36 Bridgeway Road, Pascoag, RI 02859; Phone: 568-7662

Park Pediatrics, Inc.

801 Park Avenue Cranston, RI 02910; Phone: 274-6575

Parent Consultant: Michelle De Los Santos; Established: May 2004.

Rainbow Pediatrics Lower Level Hasbro

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02905; Phone: 444-4691

Parent Consultant: Joeanna Cruz; Established: December 2004.

Samuels Sinclair Dental Center

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-5284

Parent Consultant: Lorraine Resnak; Established: April 2007.

South Country Pediatric Group, Inc.

4979 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879; Phone: 789-6492

Parent Consultant: Valarie Delaney; Established: September 2004.

The Autism Project

51 Sockanosset Crossroad, Cranston, RI 02920; Phone: 785-2666

Parent Consultant: Ana Morales; Established: September 2006.

Ventilator Integration Program

593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903; Phone: 444-2424

Parent Consultant: Shavon Smith; Established: November 2004.

Wood River Health Services

823 Main Street, Hope Valley, RI 02832; Phone: 539-2461

Parent Consultant: Rebekah Pierce; Established: April 2005.